

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the following paragraph beginning at line 9 of page 41 with the following paragraph:

-- As to a pyrylium dye compound itself, research has been conducted since the beginning of the 20th century, and a large number of articles and authorized publications have been issued. Some of the specific examples of pyrylium dye compounds used in the present invention have been synthesized by R. Wizinger, et al. (*Helv. Chim. Acta*, 39, 5, 1956), N. Yamamoto, et al. (EP 603,783 A1), and others, such as U.S. Patent 5,624,798 (issued April 29, 1997 to N. Yamamoto et al., see especially the synthesis of compound [35] at column 33 thereof). Further, the fluorescent properties of pyrylium dye compounds are described in the authorized publication "Advance in Heterocycle Chemistry supplement 2 Pyrylium Salt" edited by A. R. Katrizky, the aforementioned European patent publication, the specifications of USP 4,555,396 and 4,840,784, and others.--